

WI-496
Glass Hill School
Pittsville
Private

c. 1870

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1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Glass Hill School

other

2. Location

street and number Maple Street

not for publication

city, town Pittsville

vicinity

county Wicomico

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James L. Jackson, Jr. and Nadine C. Jackson

street and number 7345 Pine Street

telephone

city, town Pittsville

state

MD

zip code

21850

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court

tax map and parcel Map , P.

city, town Salisbury, Maryland

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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☒ **Contributing Resource in Local Historic District**
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
district	public	agriculture		
x building(s)	x private	commerce/trade	1	buildings
structure	both	defense		sites
site		x domestic		structures
object		education		objects
		funerary	1	Total
		government		
		health care		
		industry		
		landscape		
		recreation/culture		
		religion		
		social		
		transportation		
		work in progress		
		unknown		
		vacant/not in use		
		other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

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7. Description

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Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
x	good	ruins
	fair	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Glass Hill School is located on the west side of Maple Street in the center of Pittsville, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single story, one-room plan frame school was moved to this site during the 1980s by Jim Jackson, the present owner. Since the move it was restored and converted into a small antique shop. The school building faces east with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating around 1870, the single-story, gable-front frame school is supported on a concrete block foundation, and is sheathed with a combination of original and modern board-and-batten siding. The rectangular frame structure is covered by a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof.

The east (main) elevation is a one-bay elevation with a center entrance flanked by board-and-batten walls. The entrance is fitted with a vertical board door. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave and a sloped soffit.

The north and south sides are essentially alike with a pair of six-over-six sash windows fitted with board-and-batten shutters. A single-flue brick stack pierces the north side of the roof.

The west (rear) wall is defined by a single six-over-six sash window opening flanked by a board-and-batten shutter.

The interior has been restored with modern wall board above a board wainscoting that trims the perimeter of the room below the window sill. Several of the windows retain a ogee backband molding.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy
x1800-1899	x architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion
2000-	commerce	ethnic heritage	law	science
	communications	exploration/ settlement	literature	social history
	community planning		maritime history	transportation
	conservation		military	other:

Significance dates

Architect

Specific dates

Builder

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☒ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type: Standing Structure

Category: School

Historic Environment: Residential Neighborhood

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Museum Building

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed

Quadrangle name

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian
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organization	Private Consultant
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street & number	P. O. Box 5
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city or town	Westover, Maryland 21871
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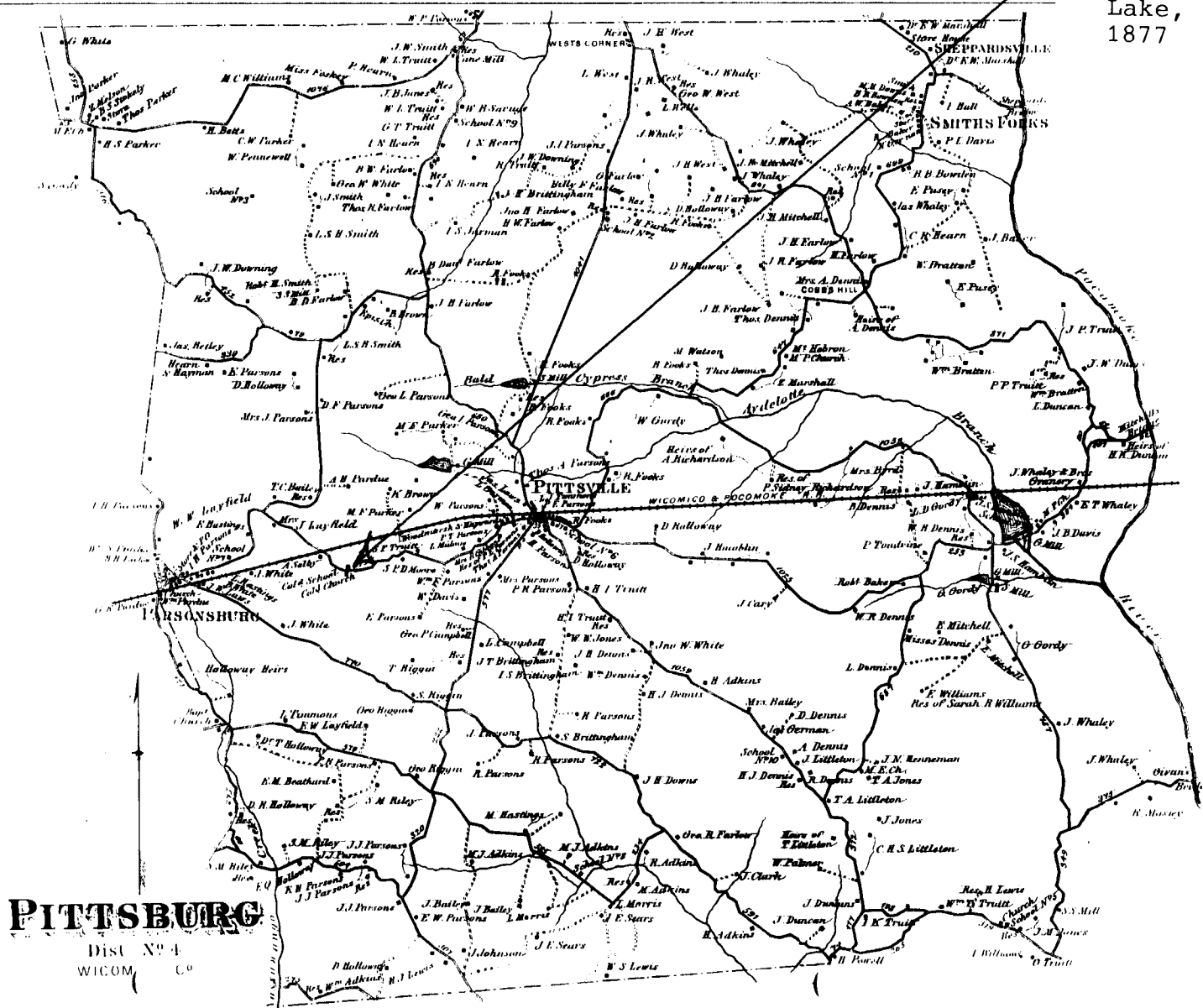
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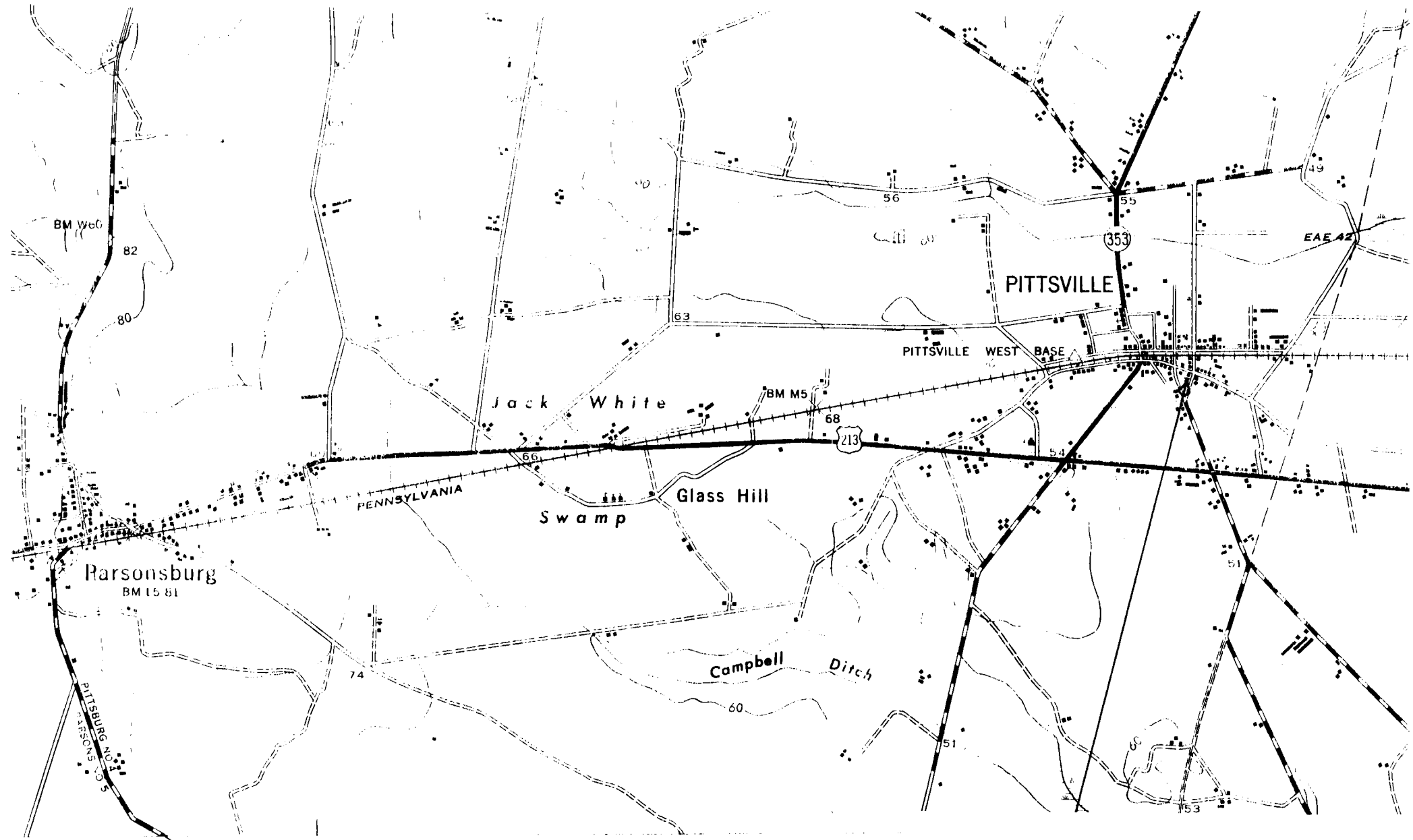
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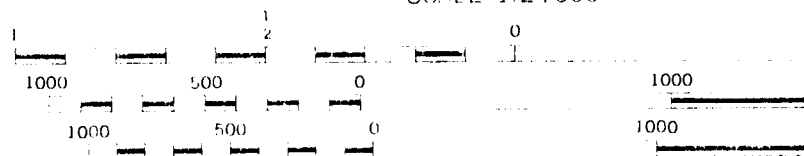
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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
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Glass Hill School
Pittsville, MD Quadrangle 1942



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